

The Bethel News.

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BETHEL, MAINE, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1904.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

Bargains In Our Suit Department.

Here are a few of the bargains that we are offering. These will give you an idea of our prices.

SUITS.

Two suits of novelty goods, dark with a green and a white thread running through it. Jackets plaited, loose front with long skirts, flare skirt, was \$10.00, now \$4.98

We have several Zibeline suits left, both Misses' and Ladies' size. The Misses for 14, 16 and 18 years, large enough for ladies. Trimmed with black braid, regular price \$12.50, now \$6.25

ONE LOT COATS three-quarter length, loose back, capes, trimmed at neck with strap and velvet, fine Kersey goods, sizes 36, 38, and 40, was \$12.50, now \$6.25

ONE LOT black Kersey, corset coats, well made, good lining, sizes 32, 34, and 36, regular price \$12.50, now \$6.25

ONE LOT loose coats, dark Oxford mixed, two-third length, bands around neck, piped with silk, sizes 36 and 38, was \$8.75, now \$4.38

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Don't miss the chance of getting one.
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THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP BY THE NEWS MAN.

Mrs. Nat Lowe was in the village Thursday.

Mr. G. P. Bean was in Portland last Wednesday.

Mr. A. F. Copeland is in Rumford for a few days.

Miss Cornelia Bennett of Gilead, was in town, Monday.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. Billings next Tuesday.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Miss True Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Eli Stearns has been ill and under treatment of Dr. Twaddle.

Mr. Will Coolidge of Locke Mills, was in our village Monday.

E. R. Whitman and daughter of Boston, are visiting relatives in town.

Mr. Milton Penley and family are moving into the Woodbury rent.

The Ladies' Aid will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. H. C. Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rice were up from Norway to spend Sunday with friends in town.

Mr. W. L. Churchill of Leeds Junction, was the guest of Prof. F. E. Hanscom over Sunday.

Rev. F. C. Potter was confined to the house Monday, by a severe bilious attack and over exertion.

Miss Constance Grover has been at North Bethel, with her sister Mrs. I. H. Wilson, for a few weeks.

Miss Adelia Morse visited in town Friday night, while on her way from Portland to her home in Upton.

Attention is called to the low rate Western fares advertised by the Grand Trunk in another column.

Mr. Walter Chandler was in Bethel Sunday, and returned to Norway, accompanied by his little daughter Evelyn.

Miss Carrie Wight of North Newry, an alumnus of Gould's Academy, attended the Prize Speaking Contest.

Much sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Dvals Lovejoy on account of the serious illness of their little daughter, Esther.

The many friends of Mrs. Gilbert Chapman will hear with regret of her critical illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Martin, at Rumford.

Miss Allora Flint of Wentworth Location, N. H., was among the out of town people who attended the Prize Speaking Contest last Friday.

Mrs. J. C. Billings has returned from Farmington Falls where she was called by the critical illness of her father, who is reported as more comfortable.

Miss Flora Wheeler of West Bethel, but who has taught for fourteen years in Jefferson, N. H., was in town Friday to attend the Prize Speaking Contest.

Gilbert Tuell and friend, Bowdoin, who spent the recent recess at the home of his parents Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Tuell, returned to Brunswick last Wednesday.

Bethel is to have a first class laundry. Mr. Gerry of Norway has purchased the building of Mr. Charles Mason on Main St., which has been formerly used as a store and dwelling house, and will carry on the laundry business.

This is the way a Gardiner Reporter Journal man who ran up against a game of Pit, the other night describes it. "It sounded at times like a flock of turkey gobblers, and at others as though Bedlam had broken loose. It may be an interesting game, but it looks, or sounds, like a very foolish one." And he was in an adjoining room.

As the result of the hearing held at Prospect Inn, Tuesday of last week, the commissioners of inland fish and game have ordered that Songo pond be closed to ice fishing of all kinds for four years from February 1, 1904. A bill in relation to this matter was before the Legislature, a year ago, and was referred to the commissioners. See notice in another column.

Miss Hattie Foster is visiting in Newry.

The quarantine at the Rollins house has been raised.

Miss Maud Davis spent a few days in West Paris, recently.

Master Albert Clark is confined to the house with the measles.

Town meeting next Monday, and the political pot hardly simmers.

Mrs. O. M. Mason went to Portland, Saturday, returning Monday evening.

Just arrived at E. E. Burnham's the latest in Kid Gloves, for church and street wear.

Miss Gracie Stowell has gone to West Bethel, to spend the vacation with her mother.

Mr. Harry Purington was in So. Paris, Tuesday, in the interest of the Academy Herald.

Mr. Cleveland Bartlett, G. A. '03, is employed in the law office of Herrick & Park and the Bethel Savings Bank.

Miss Laura Lowe who has been in New York for a number of months, has returned to Mrs. Emily Philbrook's.

Dr. A. G. Wiley came up from Portland Monday night, to visit his father, G. R. Wiley, who is having quite a serious sickness.

Misses Dorothea Mason and her friend, Florence Ridsout, of Deer- ington, who have been visiting in town for three weeks, returned home Saturday.

Mr. Tapley Kimball passed away at his home at Middle Intervale, this morning. Funeral services will be held at his late residence Friday forenoon at eleven o'clock.

The Volunteer Hose Co., announces that there will be a social dance following the Prescelle entertainment in Odeon Hall on Saturday evening of this week; tickets twenty-five cents.

Judge A. E. Herrick and daughter Miriam, will sail the last of this month for Europe where they will join Mrs. Herrick and daughter Margaret, who are spending the winter in Italy.

The Bowdoin Orient says of Edwin LaF. Harvey who took the part of Squire Hardcastle in "She Stoops to Conquer" played last week by the Dramatic Club, "Harvey did excellent work, and played his part like a professional."

All friends of our public library will not forget to provide their part toward the annual "town meeting dinner." Let this be a sweeping invitation to cook. Neither will our citizens forget to patronize said dinner Monday noon. An excellent dinner will be provided. Let us do justice to it.

At a meeting of the Senior Class G. A., Feb. 23, the following students were elected to deliver the various class parts:

Salutatory, Willie C. Brooks
Valedictory, Margaret Whidden
Oration, Harry Purington
History, Ada Richardson
Prophecy, Helen Bisbee
Presentation of Class Gift, Nina Bean

Edith Hastings
Address to Undergraduates, Agnes Barton
Class Ode, Mary Carter

Bethel Federation of Women's Clubs.

It may be that some of the readers of the News imagine because no reports of our Bethel Federation meetings have appeared in our village paper, that we are barely existing, but the fact is, we are very much alive as the following programs of our January and February meetings will prove. For our January meeting we listened to a short address by our president, Miss Frye, recitation by Miss Mabel Gleason, a talk on Japan, illustrated with photographs, by Mrs. Williamson and a song by Mrs. Vandenkerekhoven. The meeting of last Thursday was equally interesting consisting of two piano solos, one by Mrs. Sturdivant and one by Miss King, a fine paper on Francis Willard by Mrs. Martha B. Chapman, a recitation by Ethel Farwell, and the Story of Pioneer Life as related by Mrs. D. S. Hastings proved the fact that not only is truth stronger than fiction but vastly more interesting.

A goodly number were present at each meeting and, at the call of the W. C. T. U., who will entertain the Federation this month, we hope to see a still larger number.

PRIZE SPEAKING.

The Prize Speaking Contest by the students of Gould's Academy which has become an annual event to be looked forward to, not only by the students of the school, but by all who are interested in the school and the noble work which it is doing, and has ever done in fitting our boys and girls for life's activities, occurred in Odeon Hall last Friday evening, and was attended by a large and appreciative audience.

The speakers were marshalled in at the appointed hour by Mr. Lindall Blanchard, and after a piano duet by Miss Billings and Mrs. Sturdivant, invocation by Rev. F. E. Barton and a duet by Misses King and Hall, the speaking began.

There were four prizes as usual, a first and second for the gentlemen and a first and second for the ladies. These were competed for by eight students, John H. Carter, Thomas F. Vall, Paul C. Thurston, and Harry W. Purington for gentlemen, and Gwendolyn I. Stearns, Gladys R. Wiley, Blanche M. Russell, and Mabel W. Gleason for ladies.

The speaking was of the same high standard that has ever characterized these public occasions; the various results evidenced efficient and painstaking instructions on the part of the teacher, and faithful work on the part of the students. All did well. The selections were wisely made, carefully prepared and given with marked credit to each and every one.

A prize speaking contest with an audience taking no exceptions to the decisions of the judges would, indeed, be an unheard of thing, and this occasion was the rule rather than the exception. It is quite natural for an audience, composed of people who know the speakers and perhaps have their favorites among them, to disagree with those who are selected to award the prizes; this fact has always been true to some extent but, we think, was more noticeable this year than at any previous time during the history of prize speaking in Bethel. This has prompted a slight questioning on the part of some, of the wisdom of prize speaking.

The News will be frank and say that it did not fully appreciate the wisdom of the judges in this contest but sees value in prize speaking. Students in preparing for these contests will put that energy and spirit and life and work into their efforts which are not apt to be given in their ordinary work, and which will be of lasting value to them not only in their school work but in their life work. Of course defeats must come and they always bring pain especially when the defeated feels that victory was his due; but defeats come not without their value. Life is full of disappointments and defeats, and the strongest, firmest lives and noblest characters have been built from the sturdy stuff that hard knocks and disappointments could not down. These have been a part of the education and preparation of every man or woman who has achieved anything worth achieving, and the boy or girl who is to be congratulated upon Commencement day is not the one who has never met hardships and defeat but rather the one who has met them, faced them, perhaps been knocked down by them, but, who, with undaunted courage has with renewed strength and a persistency that knew not defeat, fought on and won an honored and lasting victory.

We should all bear in mind that in all prize speaking there are certain points upon which the judges do their markings and base their decisions. These points are noted carefully by them, while the audience reaches its decision largely by comparing general results. It is quite possible, therefore, that the audience and judges might be nearer together in their future decisions if these points upon which the decisions are to be made could be briefly stated on the program or in some other convenient way.

The prizes in this instance were awarded as follows: Gentlemen, Paul Thurston, 1st, Thomas F. Vall, 2d; Ladies, Blanche Russell, 1st, Gwendolyn Stearns, 2d.

During the time the judges were making their decision the audience was most pleasingly entertained by Misses Norton and Hall who rendered mandolin and piano duets.

A Word Concerning the Good Morals League.

The following Constitution, etc., was read at the several churches last Sabbath and signatures asked for. So far as we have learned the response was encouraging. The day, however, being stormy, not large numbers were present, so that future opportunities will be given for signing before a meeting is called for organization.

There will probably be opportunity at either of the churches next Sabbath or parties desiring to read and sign the Constitution as charter members will find copies in the hands of the pastors, at the News office, and both Mr. A. W. Grover, and H. H. Annas.

Any person who will circulate the "appeal" will be furnished with a copy on calling at the study of F. C. Potter.

Dear friends: This is a simple organization, but let us make it effective by our active co-operation.

An Appeal to the Citizens of Bethel, Both Men and Women, who Desire to Keep the Morals of our Town at a High Standard, and to Advance beyond what has already been Accomplished.

Realizing the necessity of keeping our citizenship at a high moral standard, we the undersigned, do hereby affix our signatures as charter members of an organization to be known as the Good Morals League of Bethel, Maine.

The object of this organization shall be to inculcate and sustain good morals in our community, with special reference to the culture of our youth, and to seek to stimulate all to a desire for the highest moral life and the deepest purity in thought and action.

The means used for the attainment of this object shall be a pledge, badges, meetings, or other practical measures as may be devised from time to time as the needs and conditions require.

The names of future candidates for membership shall be considered and presented to the League by the Prudential committee and received by majority vote.

The League requires of all its members the following pledge: I Hereby Pledge Myself:

1. To abstain from the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and so far as I can, to oppose the sale thereof for any but medicinal and medicinal purposes.
2. To refrain from taking the name of God in vain and from the use of any profane words, obscene language and literature.
3. If a minor, to refrain from the use of tobacco in any form; if an adult, to give careful consideration to the moral question of the tobacco habit.
4. To refrain from playing any game for money or any kind of value, the winning of which means loss to some other player. To refrain from participating in lotteries, and in short from any kind of gambling.
5. To refrain from corner loafing or loafing in stores (as the term "loafing" may be reasonably defined) and from rowdiness on the streets or in public places.
6. To guard myself from dishonesty in business, cheating or misrepresentation at school or elsewhere; from gossip injurious to character in society.
7. I promise to cultivate reverent speech and attitude toward sacred things.

The officers of this organization shall be, a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and a Prudential Committee, consisting of the officers and four others. At least one-half of both officers and committee shall be laymen.

The League shall hold a meeting once a month for members only, and public meetings for all as the Prudential Committee may direct.

An organization with the above as a Constitution to be effected when sufficient number of signatures shall have been obtained.

On these cold dark mornings it is hard to

WAKE UP!

An alarm clock might help you. I have clocks at all prices and can meet your needs.

EDWARD KING,
BETHEL, MAINE.

Communication.

Mr. Editor: I am asked by the president of the W. C. T. U. to call the attention of the readers of the News to the temperance legislation now pending in Congress, known as the "Hepburn-Dolliver Bill," House Bill No. 4072 and Senate Bill No. 1390. Petitions asking for signatures will be put before the people by the churches and temperance workers under the direction of the W. C. T. U. This bill ought to pass. The liquor crowd are keeping the lobby at Washington full of remonstrants. It behooves the temperance "crowd" to keep the lobby full, too.

This bill supplements our prohibitory law in a way to make it far more effective. Through a pamphlet statement received by courtesy of Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire, it is learned that this bill passed the House of Representatives at Washington on Jan. 27th, 1903, but was not acted on by the Senate. The petition to be presented is to the Senate. Space forbids the printing of the text of the bill herein. Look it up and carefully consider it. The passage thereof means much to the effectiveness of our present law.

FRANK C. POTTER.

P. S. Let the voters take pains to be present at the churches next Sabbath and hear the reading of the bill, or interview some member of the W. C. T. U. who has the petition.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

The twentieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Robertson was celebrated Saturday evening, Feb. 27, at their very pleasant home on Paradise street. The occasion was a very enjoyable one to each and every one who was fortunate enough to be numbered among the guests, (who numbered about fifty.) This being the china wedding milestone, all guests considered it a privilege to present many pretty and useful gifts, some even anticipating the anniversaries to come and confining themselves not alone to china remembrances. Among the gifts were a very pretty dinner set, a silver service, a silver serving dish, berry set and many smaller gifts. A very interesting musical program was carried out during the evening and whist tables were well patronized by many. All were served with very dainty and abundant refreshments, and the guests left at a late hour wishing Mr. and Mrs. Robertson many wedding anniversaries and be-speaking invitations for themselves on such occasions.

At the M. E. Church.

Next Sunday will be observed as Bible day, in the interests of the American Bible society.

The bell of our church will not be rung during the illness in the family of Mr. Davis Lovejoy who lives next the church. Persons attending prayer meeting please take notice.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS.

	Votes
Harry Purington, Bethel,	2009
Lyman Wheeler, Bethel,	1455
Miss Ethel Allen, West Bethel,	1260
Gottard Carlson, Bethel,	1088

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DEC. 1, 1904.

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Four miles of track in transportation
palace.

Time Table in Effect Oct. 4, 1903.

TRAINS GOING EAST.			
	A. M.	P. M.	
Island Pond, leave,	1.45	6.30	1.15
Gorham,	4.00	8.20	3.15
Gilead,	5.30	8.38	3.30
West Bethel,	4.38	8.47	3.41
BETHEL, arrive,	4.45	8.53	3.50
Lockes Mills,	5.05	9.00	4.00
Bryant Pond,	5.05	9.05	4.10
South Paris,	5.30	9.30	4.40
Lewiston,	6.40	10.30	5.30
Fordland, arrive,	7.30	11.15	6.15
Boston, via rail,	12.45		4.10

Boston, via boat,

TRAINS GOING WEST.

	A. M.	P. M.	
Portland, leave,	3.15	1.30	7.00
Lewiston,	9.00	2.30	7.50
South Paris,	10.00	3.38	8.47
Bryant Pond,	10.25	4.15	9.15
Lockes Mills,	10.35	4.18	9.26
BETHEL, arrive,	10.46	4.32	9.37
West Bethel,	10.54	4.42	9.46
Gilead,	11.05	4.54	9.59
Gorham,	11.30	5.20	10.25

Island Pond,

Montreal,

Toronto,

Chicago,

The train leaving Bethel at 4.45 A. M.
East and 9.37 P. M. West, runs every
day; all others every day except Sunday.
Sunday paper train leaves Portland at
7.30 A. M., arriving at Bethel 10.12 A. M.,
and at Berlin, 12.15 P. M. Returning
leaves Berlin at 4.00 P. M., Bethel, 5.05
P. M.

REDUCED FARES

From March 1st to April 30th, 1904
Colonist Fares from Bethel to
Vancouver, San Francisco, Los
Angeles, Seattle, Portland, \$51.25
Spokane, Nelson, Rossland, \$48.75
Leadville, Butte, Salt Lake
City, \$47.25
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BILIOUSNESS, ALL KINDS OF
BOWEL COMPLAINTS, COLIC, STOMACH
AND LIVER AFFECTIONS.
In Wine. Sold by druggists.

THE
WEB OF
FATE

Or, A Revolutionary Scout

By BYRON DOWLING

CHAPTER II.
FREEDOM'S CALL AND CAUTIOUS
DOUBTS.

Southern Hospitality is not a virtue, but a sectional characteristic. The dining-room was the largest as well as the pleasantest apartment in the "Stronghold," and when Rupert was ushered in by a servant, who had awaited him on the stairway, he imagined himself in the banquet hall of some French chateau. True, the splendid prospects from the large windows were obscured by the dark veil of night, but a blazing fire of hickory logs cast a glow of friendly welcome upon the high wainscotted walls. These were hung with Flemish paintings of horses, cattle and dogs, interspersed with small marble busts of classic worthies, on ornamental projecting brackets. Over the marble mantel shelf was a full length portrait of a Scotch chieftain, in the proud war-garb of the highland clans, and attached to the top of the rich frame were the steel-hilted claymore and pistols represented in the picture. A broad oaken table ran the full length of the room, but it was now unused, and the evening repast smoked upon a small round table placed near the fire. When Rupert entered, his host was pacing the room on the side beyond the table, evidently lost in deep thought. The fair captor of the runaway stood at the small waiter, concocting coffee in one of those old French urns, that would serve as a boiler to some of the modern miniature steam engines.

"Take a seat at the supper table," Mr. Loudon, said Mr. Maxwell, continuing his peregrination and sitting down himself. "Perhaps, too, the ceremonious air of that young lady demands her formal introduction to you as my niece, Aurora Maxwell, a native of the 'Stronghold.'"

"Where I am happy to see Major Loudon," was the courteous salutation, the winning effect of which was heightened by a graceful courtesy and an arch smile. "I am happy to have the pleasure of Miss Maxwell's acquaintance," replied Rupert, with a low bow. Then seating himself, he continued, "Had she not used her influence over my horse, I fear that I should not now have enjoyed her society."

The repast then occupied the attention of the trio, and ample justice was done to the savory fare. Venison steaks, rashers of ham, crisp corn-cakes fresh butter and delicious wild honey were abundantly provided; nor was it until Rupert had atoned for his deep fasting, that he began to steal glances at the fair dispenser of aromatic Mocha, tempered with maple sugar and rich cream.

Aurora Maxwell was indeed beautiful. A heavy braid of her raven hair, encircling her head, compassed a brow fair and open as day. Her full black eyes glowed with heartiest thought, and the flush of a pure crimson blush-tide alone colored her pure complexion. A tightly-fitting brown silk bodice, with haques falling from the taper waist over a full, snow-white dimity skirt, displayed the faultless proportions of her beautifully rounded form. Every movement was embodied grace, and her exquisitely modulated voice, clear as the tones of a silver bell, was soft and pure, like the summer murmurings of a crystal brook.

Having described her personal appearance, it may be well to glance at her personal history, which included, necessarily that of her uncle. It was his younger brother who was the father of Aurora. The inexorable law of primogeniture had forced Wallace Maxwell to leave his Scotch home, and he had emigrated to Georgia in early life, bringing with him a young bride. At first, he accepted office as an Indian agent, in which capacity he so won the confidence of the Cherokees, that they gave him the tract of land which comprised the Stronghold estate. Listening to the advice of others, rather than led by any fears of his own, he erected his house so that it might serve as a citadel, but the Cherokees never molested either him or his. Years passed on, and he was called upon to welcome his elder brother, who had embraced the fortunes of the Stuarts in the rebellion of '45. A fugitive from Prince Charles' last fought field, Duncan Maxwell found shelter in the "Stronghold," and within a year after his arrival, he was called upon to congratulate his brother Wallace upon the birth of a daughter—to console with him upon the loss of his wife.

Alas the devoted husband followed his wife to the tomb ere his daughter could call him "father," so that Aurora was left an orphan at a tender age. Her uncle was her legal guardian, nor did he spare any pains to render her conversant with such of the modern languages as could be acquired by study. Yet there was wanting that indescribable female delicacy which a mother's care and example can alone impart, nor was it made up by her skill as a horsewoman, or her dexterity with the rifle. Impatient of control, and overapt to be hurried

away by the impulse of the moment, she often overstepped the defined pathway of her sex. Yet she was so refined in feeling, so tender-hearted, and so sensible, that those who knew her best learned to love her very faults, regarding them rather as virtues run wild for want of cultivation. The joyousness of her own heart was communicated to all who enjoyed her society, nor could any one criticize her actions as they gazed on the confiding smile of her eyes, or the guileless purity on her pure countenance.

"Another cup of coffee, uncle?" she asked.

"No, Aurora, no. To tell the truth, I do not relish this coffee at night. A good cup of tea is far more to my liking."

"Nay, uncle. Do not make such a confession before a continental officer."

"At any rate," remarked Rupert, "I suppose you sacrifice your taste, sir, for the same reason that the ladies have relinquished their boleros and souchongs."

"But is a woman's word," interrupted Aurora, casting a reproachful look at her uncle, "especially when there is question of tea? Besides, if we wished it, we could not obtain it."

A dead silence ensued, during which Rupert very naturally wondered that his host did not allude to the war. Aurora probably perceived his embarrassment, and came to the rescue with a number of questions about the Northern cities, which kept up the conversation until after the supper was removed. The trio then drew around the fire, when there was another pause.

"Uncle," at last interrupted Aurora, "did you make any discoveries this afternoon?"

A negative shake of the head was Mr. Maxwell's only reply, and she then addressed herself to Rupert:

"My uncle has been told by a queer genius, who has somehow found his way from the Massachusetts Bay, that there is gold in the bed of the Tallulash. Such trumps as they take. Yet, I do not much wonder, for the same man is giving me lessons in botany, and I find him an adept in the science, although he murders the king's English terribly."

"Where is Danforth this evening?" asked Mr. Maxwell.

"Gone to Tallulash, sir," replied Aurora.

"What for—do you know?" And as he asked the question, Mr. Maxwell's eyes flashed.

"I think he expects to find Emathia there, at the Cherokee council, and endeavor to learn something from him about the gold." While speaking, Aurora returned her uncle's inquiring gaze, and it was evident that he was satisfied by the reply, for he again threw himself into the deep back of his arm chair, remarking:

"Danforth will find it out if anyone can."

Another prolonged silence ensued, and Rupert, without exactly knowing why, began to feel uneasy. There was every outward appearance of civility upon Mr. Maxwell's part, yet his manner indicated distrust, nor did he even allude to the young soldier's errand. He did not fear treachery, but at last determined to introduce the all-absorbing question of national independence, that he might learn what were the prospects of his destined force. So, after waiting a few moments more, he asked, in a distinct tone:

"Are there many stories in this region, Mr. Maxwell?"

"Sir," exclaimed Mr. Maxwell, starting forward in his chair, while his face became crimson. "It is by no means a certain fact that it wise for any to shake off their allegiance to King George."

A shade of sadness had stolen over Aurora's face as her uncle spoke, nor could Rupert reply ere she remarked, with bitter feeling:

"This is strange talk, uncle, from one who invited General Sumpter to send an officer here to command the sharpshooters."

"Nay," interrupted Rupert, hastily rising, "if the temporary defeat of the American arms has dampened the zeal of Mr. Maxwell in the holy cause of freedom, I regret that I have intruded, and will at once depart."

"Young man," replied the host, in an agitated tone, "listen! You, as I learn from the letter introducing you, are by birth a Scotchman. So am I. The spring-time of my life was an unclouded dream of happiness, only marred by the death of adored wife, who left a son to inherit her virtues."

Chieftain of a devoted clan, I was in the full enjoyment of early happiness, when the chieftain landed from France to uprear his banner of rebellion. My ancestors had docked around King James, when that rash prince madly drew the claymore, and lost the flower of Scotland's chieftains upon Flodden's red plain. Could I refuse to aid the chieftain? No! A sense of duty compelled me to lead my clansmen to his standard, where I met many others who, like myself, would have preferred to have remained at home. Nothing but a feeling of honor led us to embark in a contest which we felt was hopeless, under the lead of a prince whose manifold defects were soon apparent. Yet, degenerate and worthless as we soon felt assured that he was, he was illogically sovereign, and we united in a last effort to drive our oppressors back into England, again. The king might enjoy his own again. Need I tell you the result? Need I say that, upon weighing the consequences, I hesitated. My own child is now a dependent, for all my estates were confiscated, and he was adopted by my attorney. Shall I now beggar my niece, this young girl, and send her forth exposed to this merciless world? No, no! I cannot, will not do it."

Rupert, to whom this confession was as unwelcome as it was unexpected, had involuntarily watched its effect upon Aurora. The sunny candor of her face assured him that she was no party to this recantation of liberal principles, nor had Mr. Maxwell scarcely concluded his remarks, ere she exclaimed with vehemence:

"Think not of me, sir, for an instant. Were I the mistress of twenty estates, they should all be confiscated, rather than I should hear such words in one of them."

"Nay," exclaimed Mr. Maxwell, turning pale with anger, for her reproach stung him to the quick, "you forget, young lady, that I am your guardian; and as such, I request you to leave politics for those of another sex."

"My guardian!" repeated Aurora, a crimson flush overspreading her cheeks, which then became deadly pale, indignation swelling every vein, and making every muscle quiver. "My guardian! Yes—the guardian of my lands, my houses, my servants, to hold in trust for my use, but not the guardian of my heart. That thank Heaven, will never acknowledge any guardian, any more than these colonies will acknowledge a king."

The boldness with which these remarks were made convinced Rupert that, although his host might waver, the fair girl before him had embarked her hopes on board the fragile ship-of-state recently launched. It might, owing to a deficiency of equipments and a lack of hands, be tempest tossed upon the rocky shore; but that noble-hearted maiden would follow it with her prayers until she beheld it fairly on a prosperous course, with the starry flag floating in triumph to denote its triumphant progress. He felt, however, that it would be wrong for him to promote domestic dissension. Rising, he advanced towards Mr. Maxwell, saying:

"Let me not, I beg of you, sir, be the involuntarily origin of any discussion. I came here, Mr. Maxwell, on my way to assume a command which you were instrumental in organizing. If all those interested think as you do, sir, I had better rejoin General Sumpter at once."

"Nay," interrupted Aurora, "you will find every man at the rendezvous within twenty-four hours after your arrival is known. Would that woman could—"

"Silence!" commanded Mr. Maxwell, in an imperious tone and an angry stamp of the foot. "What do you know about rebellion that you must needs prate about it? As for the Georgians, Mr. Loudon, you will probably find them ready to follow you in the prosecution of this hopeless contest. But I frankly tell you, that I cannot further participate in what I see clearly will only fix a royal yoke more firmly upon American necks. Meanwhile, as my guest, command my services."

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"Do you not think so?" This question from Mr. Maxwell aroused the bewildered soldier from his reveries. "Really, sir," he stammered out, confused at his inattention. "Ah ha," said Mr. Maxwell, "good humoredly, 'I see that you have been dreaming, instead of listening to my accounts of the terrific waterfall, and my prophecies that before many score years have elapsed, it will be visited by travelers from all portions of this continent. But you have had a long ride—"

"To say nothing of the chase in the trail!" sportively interrupted Aurora, with a smile bright as a midsummer morning.

"Nay," replied Rupert, "had Selim not played the truant, I should not have seen—have seen—that is, I should not have enjoyed the hospitality of the 'Stronghold.' But I plead guilty to the charge of fatigue, and will say good night."

"Pleasant dreams, sir," said Aurora, blushing, as if conscious that she was the object of Rupert's concealed admiration. "Remember that we breakfast early." And after making a low courtesy she vanished from the room like a sylph.

"I cannot permit you to retire, sir," said Mr. Maxwell, when they were alone, "without expressing my deep regret at the manner in which duty has forced me to receive—nay, to disappoint you. My heart was and is with the continental cause—but what are its prospects? What hopes have you of raising a force able to contend with the well-trained regiments of Lord Rawdon, or of Nesbit Balfour, or of Tarleton? In Pennsylvania, the continental forces are on the point of surrendering. In New York—"

"Mr. Maxwell," interrupted Rupert, in a respectful yet decided tone, "do not force me into an argument! You are my host, but I cannot recognize you as my political mentor, or listen to your criticisms upon the forces of my adopted country. Permit me to retire."

"Bravely spoken, sir!"

"Nay, sir, I intended no—"

"No apologies, sir; none are needed. I honor your spirit, and can but wish you success." While thus speaking, Mr. Maxwell had lighted a chamber candle, with which he escorted Rupert up stairs to the door of his room. Here he gave the candlestick to his guest, and tendering his hand, said:

"Good night, and thanks for your hospitality," replied Rupert, returning the cordial grasp, which was lingeringly prolonged—indeed, each one thought of it after they had separated, and wondered at the impulse which attracted them to each other. Entering his room, Rupert involuntarily advanced to an open window, and gazed forth at the lovely landscape before him. The pale, clear moon cast a long stream of light upon the green lawns immediately around the "Stronghold," and framed in turn by the dense forest beyond. The dew-drops sparkled upon the waving foliage, and the fair face of nature smiled in her nocturnal loveliness; but Rupert's thoughts were not on the landscape before him. He felt that the passionate dream of his young heart had been realized, and that he had seen its realization. Henceforth, Aurora was to be the sunlight of his soul, towards which he must turn in silent homage, as the source of his happiness or misery.

ness or misery. In vain did he attempt to reason with himself, for the answer of his heart to every query was "Aurora!"

While Rupert was thus gazing vacantly forth, engaged in meditation, his practiced ear caught the sound of horses' hoofs approaching at a rapid rate. Withdrawing from the window as they came nearer, he looked carefully forth, and saw two horsemen come up to the house at a hard gallop. To reach the front entrance, they had to pass beneath his window, and he saw to his surprise that the foremost wore the uniform of a British dragoon officer, while his follower was uniformed as a sergeant of the same corps.

Rupert's first thought was that he was betrayed, but an instant's reflection taught him that Mr. Maxwell, although he might be vacillating in his political predilections, was a man of honor. At any rate, he determined not to be captured easily, and placed the long (the only weapon of defence at hand) in readiness for action. Then bolting the door, he threw himself up on a lounge, where, after many conflicting feelings, he fell asleep to dream that he was about to present Aurora Maxwell as his bride, to the king of France.

Two hours passed—yet he slumbered, and he dreamed. A low knock near him awoke him, and springing to his feet, he saw that he had slept. The window had remained open, and as he again looked out, he could mark the flight of time. The moon had sunk beneath the towering crest of Mount Yonah, leaving its rounded outline prominent against the clear blue of the western sky. Fleecy clouds floated in the mild radiance of the now expiring starlight, while in the east the first reddening sky gave token of the near approach of the dawn. "Major Loudon!"

The voice made his heart thrill with joy, and turning, he beheld the object of his dream. A panel in the wainscot, which had swung open like a door, showed how she had entered the room; and Rupert, bewildered with astonishment, exclaimed:

"Aurora—Miss Maxwell!"

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ROBERT E. POWERS, clerk, first account present in L. Powers, administrator. HELEN E. BISHOP, for license to sell and convey Estate of said deceased. CHARLES W. SOMES, petition for license to sell and convey Estate of said deceased. DANIEL F. BEAN of filed for allowance by Clerk.

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That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in THE BETHEL NEWS, a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1904, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

ROBERT E. POWERS, late of Greenwood, deceased, first account presented for allowance by Helen L. Powers, administratrix.

HELEN E. RISBEE, ward, of Bethel, petitioner for license to sell and convey real estate presented by Fannie W. Risbee, guardian.

CHARLES W. SOMES, ward, of Exeter, N. H., petitioner for license to sell and convey real estate presented by Fred L. Ordway, guardian.

DANIEL F. DEAN, guardian, first account filed for allowance by Clarence E. Barker, guardian.

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Their clothing is made of skins with the hair left on; sometimes it is made of bird skins. The men and women dress much alike. Trousers are worn by both, with a jacket and a hood. The little babies are 'carried' naked in a pouch at the back of the outer jacket. It is lined with seal skin or reindeer skin. The Eskimo mothers wash their babies by licking them with their tongues.

In Greenland the Eskimos are usually made of earth and stones. They are partly below the ground, and one can only see the upper part like a mound of dirt. To enter the house one has to crawl through a long and narrow passage. The house is not large and has but one room; it is lined with skins. There are benches around the room covered with skins and moss, which serve for both chairs and beds. A number of families live in one house. The houses are so low that a tall man can not stand upright in one. They heat their houses by stone lamps filled with moss for wicks, which are kept burning day and night. Some of their houses are made of blocks of snow.

The Eskimos eat the flesh of bears, whales, seals, birds, hares, dogs, foxes and deer. They like fat meat best. Sometimes meat and fish are eaten raw. They like fresh, raw blubber very much.

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Much of his hunting is done from his canoe or kayak. This is narrow, sharp-pointed at both ends and light. It is of a slight frame-work over which skins are tightly stretched. The opening is but large enough for him to get his legs and body through. When he has crept in, he ties a collar of skin, that surrounds the opening, about his body below his arms, to keep the water from dashing into the kayak, and paddles away. His different weapons are fastened in their proper places on top of the canoe where he can seize them when wanted.

In the Eskimos home there is only one day and one night in the whole year, six months of night, and six months of day; I will tell you about the night first.

The stars shine clearly and steadily like silver lamps in the sky, but far off between the great icy peaks, strange lights are dancing, shooting long, rosy flames far into the sky, or marching as if each light had a life of its own, and all were marching together along the dark, quiet sky. Then they all rush together, flame into golden and rosy streamers, and mount far above the cold, icy mountain peaks that glitter in their light. It is far more beautiful than our fireworks on the Fourth of July. Sometimes we see a little of it here, and we call them Northern Lights.

Now I will tell you about the day. The first time they see the sun it is only for a few minutes, but the next day it stays longer and so on until it does not go down at all, but moves around them in one great, bright circle, and its warm rays melt the snow and awaken the few little hardy plants that can grow in this short summer. The icy coat breaks away from the clear running water, and great flocks of birds swim by in the clear water, and the old men sit on the rocks and tell stories of the whales and seal and the great white whale that came swimming down from the far



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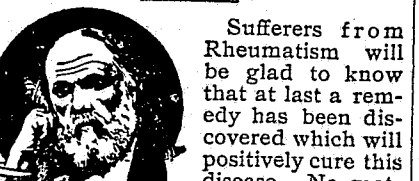
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Home Smoked Hams.

There is a great deal of truth in the claim that the hog market is hurt by the falling off in consumption of hams, and Mr. L. H. Kerriek, of Bloomington, Illinois, no doubt gives the key to this in an interview published in the Livestock World. He says that the poor curing at the packing houses hits the hog prices hard, and that one can't buy a ham that tastes or smells like ham which is cured there, and adds:

"The only way you can get a ham of that kind is to induce some farmer to part with one that he has cured and smoked for himself. Who calls for ham nowadays in a dining car or a cafe, or at a hotel table? Only the man that has never tasted the kind we used to have at home, where we took time to cure and smoke them right—the kind that makes you hungry to smell it cooking. Haven't you often caught the fragrance of that kind of ham frying, as you drove by or near a farm house?"

If the packers would make such hams as they could from the porkers that comes out of these western feed lots, there would be a lot more of them consumed and raising them would be more remunerative. There is not much waste in a hog, and it may be farmers will yet find it profitable to make some good hams at home for the market, instead of selling all their hogs to the packer. Something of that kind is, in my judgment, likely to take about if the packer doesn't take thought and give us a better ham."

Undecided.
"What makes you sit on the edge of the chair like that?"
"Well, you see, I didn't know whether—"



"Henpeck has given up smoking—eh? I didn't think he had so much will power."
"He hasn't, but his wife has."

Answers.
Most any woman can win a man's love. She has got to be a good cook if she wants to keep it.—Pittsburg Dispatch

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Senegal exported 121,507 tons of peanuts last year.

STORM IN THE ROCKIES.

Thunder Worse Than the Roar of a Battle.

If you have never seen a mountain thunderstorm at an elevation of 7,000 feet or more, you have missed an experience that will add gray hairs to your head. Here is the story of a storm among nature's massive sentinels upon whom it left a lasting impression:

"To me, a thunderstorm back East held no special terrors, and frequently I have been out in such a demonstration without feeling any especial nervousness."

"Up here on the Rocky Mountains things are different, and I confess now to live in an awful fact terror notwithstanding the fact that so far the storms have in every instance except one gone around or beneath us without even raining enough to wet the ground. But it is the 'going around and beneath' that gets into my nerves. In the first place, imagine what it is to be one and a half miles nearer a rip-roaring thunderstorm than one is 'back home.' There you have occasional flashes of lightning; here it is one continuous, dazzling, awe-inspiring performance. The lightning strikes, too, for it is no uncommon thing during a storm to hear the rocks splintering and cracking where one especially vigorous bolt has landed."

"Add to this nerve-racking exhibit the most awful detonations of thunder that you can imagine and a 'straight-blowing' wind that sometimes makes the flaps of your tent play a ragtime melody, and you have some idea of a mountain thunderstorm. The thunder is worse than the sound of a mighty battle. It bangs up against the mountain side and reverberates and rolls off into one ear-splitting concussion after another until you, lying quaking in your tent, fully believe that the next 'boom' will split mountain and valley in twain and land you in China or some other seaport town."

"I lay one night and with chattering teeth counted five distinct thunderstorms come up to the edge of the plateau on which my tent stands and each time go through with an electrical performance that would give Tom Edison a dumb ague, and through it all not a cupful of water fell on my tent."

"These electrical displays are not seemingly much dreaded by the people who live in high altitudes. They comfortably declare that a tornado or cyclone is unknown in the mountains."—Philadelphia Press.

Good For All of the Tribe.

San Bernardino was treated to a singular sight to-day. Over fifty Indians, of all ages and conditions, swarmed into town from the Manuel reservation, above Highland, each to receive a \$5 gold piece, which the Arrowhead Reservation Company had agreed to pay for a pipeline right of way across the corner of the reservation. This agreement was reached Tuesday at a powwow held between the Indians and the Government agent. The tribe was at first suspicious, but when the representative of the company made the promise that if the right of way were granted he would place a gold piece in the palm of every Indian, from the youngest infant to the oldest squaw, they consented to sign the right of way.

True to their promise, the Indians filed into the office of the company, some hobbling on crutches, others supported by their fellow-braves, many mothers with babes in arms, and each in turn received a bright gold piece. The Indians were so delighted that some of the mahave offered to assist in digging the trench for the company's pipe line.—Correspondence San Francisco Chronicle.

Plus X. Loves Music.

Plus X. is an intense lover of music, and as he really understands it, is contented with nothing but the best. When Patriarch of Venice he had Abbe Perosi always at his elbow, becoming as fond as a father of him. When Perosi was made director of the Sistine Choir the Patriarch was half pleased, because it was an honor for his favorite, and half sorry, as it took the young musician prissy away from his side. A few days after his election he was heard to say, "Now, how I shall revel in Lorenzo's music!" To this end the Pontiff has ordered two magnificent pianos and an organ, which stand in his private apartments, for the express purpose that the Sacred College, and those especially invited, may enjoy an hour now and then of "comforting and elevating music."

Indian Love Powders.

One of the Iowa Indians is making a good living by selling so-called love powders. Little peculiar shells found in the creeks, and the root of a certain kind of morning glory, furnish the sole ingredients of the love-compelling powder. The shells and roots are dried and ground to powder; then, after making a sort of paste of the mixture, the lovekick swain or squaw smears it over his or her face; then the love-powder painted person goes close to the one whose affection is to be captured. It is claimed that the be-smearer person is always victorious.—Kansas City Journal.

The monocle is generally believed to be an English invention, but a German historian claims that it was first used, about seventy years ago, by the German Prince Puckler-Muskau, who was fond of surprising his subjects.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1904.

Bethel Town Report.
The following is a partial review of the Bethel Town Report which is now in the hands of the voters.
The whole amount of taxable property on April 1, 1903 was \$334,405, an increase of \$16,000 over the year before; the rate of taxation was 18 mills which was the same as the preceding year; the number of polls 610 an increase of 2; and the entire tax was \$10,077.72 an increase of \$261.84. The abatements amounted to \$171.59 against \$72.89 the previous year and the discount allowed on taxes as per vote of the town was \$468.72 against \$487.60 in 1902.
There has been quite a reduction in the total expense of the poor over the previous year, the amount the past year being \$807.25 against \$994.44 in 1902 or a difference of \$187.19; nearly \$100 of this amount comes from the town farm account, there having been an increase in the total receipts and a decrease in the total expenditures.
The sum of \$507.39 was expended in the extension of the sewer system and \$478.70 on the State road. \$200. of the latter amount was refunded by the State. The town is to be congratulated for its generous support toward these two items. Nothing will add more to the lasting worth of the town than good roads and a complete sewerage system in the village, and the good work that has been begun should be and doubtless will be continued.
The highways have not received the amount of appropriation by \$700. This is not due to the fact that they have been kept in a state of excellence without the full appropriation for such is not the case, but rather that owing to the abnormal summer season it was practically impossible to expend money at the best advantage on the highways. We will hope for a change in the program this season.
From the liquor agency has been dealt out liquors to the value of \$2,323.00 from the sale of which the town gets a profit of \$208.80. It is possible that the consumption of \$2,323.00 of intoxicating liquors has been necessary to keep the inhabitants of Bethel hale and hearty during the past year but we cannot fail to entertain serious doubts. We would not cast any reflections upon those who have the agency in charge for we fully believe that the matter has been handled honestly and conscientiously, but the best men in the world are sure to be taken advantage of and imposed upon while handling a liquor agency. All sorts of schemes will be resorted to to fool the agent and unless he possesses the wisdom of Solomon and a heart of flint he will be gotten the better of at times. Our agent has doubtless passed through these experiences during the past year and had any of us been in his place we would have had like experiences. The remedy then, if any be necessary, lies not in reforming the agent as we believe he has tried to do his whole duty, but rather in checking if possible, the deceptive demands that are being put upon him.
Touching this matter the News has a suggestion. Here it is and the officers may have it for what it is worth: Of course we are all anxious, if we are to have an agency, that it should be run just as near the mark as is possible to do. The law requires that each person who secures liquor at an agency must sign his name upon the Agency's register so that the public may know who the buyers are. But what per cent. of the public ever see the register, and what effect would be had if the

The Spring Medicine
is **Hood's Sarsaparilla.**
In thousands and thousands of homes—in cities, towns and villages—three doses a day of this great medicine are now being taken by every member of the family.
In some homes, even the visitor is given a teaspoonful with every meal.
Why such wide and general use? Because **Hood's Sarsaparilla** has proved itself by its wonderful effects in cleansing the system of all humors, overcoming that tired feeling, creating appetite, clearing the complexion, giving strength and animation, the best of all Spring medicines, so that it is *par excellence* the Spring Medicine.
"Hood's Sarsaparilla is a grand blood purifier and health restorer. My husband and I take it through the spring months and find it just what it is represented to be." Mrs. D. M. CHANDLER, Burnham, Maine.
Take it.
Accept no substitute for Hood's Sarsaparilla.

public did see it? If the questionable candidates for spirits for medicinal purposes knew that their names were to be placed conspicuously before the public each and every time they put up a job to inveigle liquor out of a cautious agency, would it not have some what of a checking tendency? May we not put this query to the test and know? Beginning with March 1 or April 1 or any other time agreeable to our officers, the News will publish monthly, free of charge, a complete list of all sales of the preceding month, giving name of purchaser, date and amount purchased. We will continue this for three months and note the effect upon the amount of sales as compared with the same months last year. Shall we do it or shall we not?
We appreciate the fact that such a move would have a tendency to drive these questionable invalids away from the agency to seek their supply from other local sources if such there be. Should this prove true it will then be up to the officers to ferret out those places and shut them up. A perusal of the register might give them a clue as to who the convalescent ones are.
The financial showing is indeed commendable. Although no appropriation was made to cover outstanding bonds yet the net indebtedness has been reduced \$1764.88 during the past year. This has been met from the contingent fund which has been established from odds and ends saved by the judicious management of all the appropriations. This shows, too, the wisdom of liberal appropriations, providing we have officers who are not tempted by such liberal appropriations to extravagant expenditures.
The report of the Board of Health contains timely suggestions which should be read by all.
The Superintendent's report shows a deficit in the common schools account of \$31.96. This added to \$231.65 the amount brought forward from the preceding year, would show an expenditure of \$263.61 over the real amount available as per the actual receipts for the year just closed. In other words, had it not been for the balance from 1902, it would have been necessary to have overdrawn the appropriation to the amount of \$231.61 or to have cut the school year below thirty weeks. The superintendent makes sufficient explanation as to the reason for the shortage and there seems but one alternative in connection with the matter. It is reasonable to suppose that the amount from the State for the next year will not vary much from the amount for the past year and instead of a balance of \$231.65 left over as at the beginning of the year just passed we shall start in with a deficit of \$31.96. It cannot be told twelve months ahead what unexpected things may draw upon our school appropriations but it is quite reasonable to suppose that the necessary expenditures will be practically as much as the past year, hence, unless there be an increase in the appropriation for the present year a cutting down of the school year seems quite inevitable.
"A word to the wise is sufficient." Cramped appropriations are productive of unsatisfactory results. The excellent financial showing of the town for the past two or three years has been due to the wisdom of the selectmen in urging liberal appropriations while much of the poor showing of

News' Excursion
TO THE
St. Louis Exposition
AND
NIAGARA FALLS
Several will go as Guests of Honor and at our Expense, Others at Rock Bottom Prices.

The News proposes to conduct an Excursion to the St. Louis Exposition early in the summer, to accommodate such young people from this section as desire to attend that Exposition, which will be the greatest exposition that the world has ever seen or will be likely to see for many years to come. We have heard many young people express a desire to go to St. Louis, which fact has prompted the arrangement for this Excursion, not as a money-making scheme, but in order to secure to all the advantage of such excursion rates as may be obtainable. The editor, Mr. E. C. Bowler, who will personally conduct the party, will visit the Exposition during the month of May at which time he will secure the lowest possible rates for the party which he will take a few weeks later. And now as to

Those Who Are To Go Free.
Yes, several of this party will go absolutely free as far as necessary expenses are concerned. We shall pay their railroad fares, Pullman service, hotel bills and fares into the Exposition, so that their only expense will be what they may choose to spend. Just who these fortunate ones will be, will be determined by a

VOTING CONTEST
Not a voting contest like most voting contests in which one wins and all the others lose, but a contest in which all who work win.
In all contests some one has to be second, another third and so on; each of these may have worked just as hard as the first, but they get no reward. Notice the different St. Louis Contests running in the papers at the present time. In many cases there are scores in the fight, but in all cases, one will go and all the others will be disappointed.

OUR PLAN.
Ours will be a Voting Contest just the same as the others, but will differ in the respect that each and every person who gets 16,000 votes will go at our expense. There is no limit as to field. People in the County or outside the County may enter. Any desiring to go under this proposition should enter their names at once before their friends have pledged their support to some one else. Votes will be counted according to the following schedule:

SCHEDULE FOR COUNTING.

	Votes.
1. Each paper will contain a Coupon which when properly filled out and returned to us will count.....	1
2. Each dollar paid on new subscriptions will count.....	100
3. Each dollar paid on renewals by present subscribers will count.....	40
4. Each dollar paid on arrearages by present subscribers will count.....	25
5. Each dollar paid on new advertising secured by the contestants or their friends will count.....	50
6. Each dollar for new advertising, secured by such written contract as shall be acceptable to us will count.....	25
7. Each dollar paid for job printing will count.....	25

CONDITIONS.
Contestants must note these conditions carefully as they must be observed to the letter.
1. Votes once credited to one contestant cannot be withdrawn and given to another.
2. Subscriptions discontinued and begun again during the contest will be credited at the renewal rate, even though they may have come in under another name in the same family.
3. If a subscriber is in arrears and pays up to date and one or more years in advance, the amount to date will be received as arrearage and the balance as a renewal, as per schedule for counting.
4. Credit on advertising must be for space actually secured by contestants and does not apply in any way to our present advertising. Any increased business which may be secured from our present subscribers will be counted, but no credit will be allowed on money paid for regular space now carried. Should any of our regular advertisers discontinue their advertising and begin again during the life of the contest, such will not be considered new business and no credit will be allowed.
5. The same applies to job printing as to advertising. All must be new work. No credit will be given on any work already secured by the office.
6. The standing of each contestant will be published each week.
7. The Contest will close about June 20. The exact date will be given later. The Excursion will be as soon after the closing date as possible.

Bethel News St. Louis Coupon.
One Vote For
Address

THE TRAVELERS INSURANCE CO.
of Hartford, Conn.
(Incorporated in 1863.)
Amount at Risk, Life, \$12,761,412,
Accident, \$47,970,843.
CASH ASSETS, Dec. 31, 1903, \$700,138.44
Loans on Bond and Mortgage, (first liens) \$7,079,606.08
Loans on this Company's Policies, 2,421,815.03
Stocks and Bonds owned by the Company, 2,421,815.03
market value, 25,195,625.95
Loans on Collateral Security, 999,737.20
Cash in the Company's principal office and in Bank, 1,567,325.44
Interest accrued but not due, 319,083.34
Life Premiums in due course of collection, 739,497.61
Total, \$40,105,849.39
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903, \$40,105,849.39
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims, \$282,713.51
Reserve for Claims against Employers, 1,111,880.00
Reserve for Re-insurance, 39,951,530.72
Additional reserve, Liability Dept., 400,000.00
Commissions and other demands against the Company, 427,359.66
All Liabilities, except Capital Stock and Net Surplus, \$40,105,849.39
Capital paid up in cash, 1,000,000.00
Surplus beyond capital, 4,229,316.10
Total, \$40,105,849.39

UNITED STATES CASUALTY CO.
141 Broadway, New York City.
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1903.
Real Estate, \$5,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 5,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 1,450,420.30
Bills receivable, 58,863.33
Interest and Rents, 1,144.37
All other Assets, 12,812.62
Gross Assets, 61,437.02
Deduct items not admitted, 1,444.37
Admitted Assets, \$60,000.00
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$105,000.00
Unearned Premiums, 489,474.06
All other Liabilities, 5,671.92
Cash Capital, 78,773.37
Surplus over all Liabilities, 290,000.00
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,053,744.43

CALEDONIAN INSURANCE CO.
of Edinburgh, Scotland.
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1903.
Real Estate, \$433,387.16
Stocks and Bonds, 187,366.82
Cash in Office and Bank, 1,287,253.80
Agents' Balances, 1,144.37
Bills receivable, 12,812.62
Interest and Rents, 1,144.37
All other Assets, 1,444.37
Admitted Assets, \$1,734,353.51
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$115,261.66
Unearned Premiums, 489,474.06
All other Liabilities, 5,671.92
Cash Capital, 78,773.37
Surplus over all Liabilities, 290,000.00
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,734,353.51

GENERAL ACCIDENT ASSURANCE CORPORATION, LTD.
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1903.
Real Estate, \$9,411.65
Mortgage Loans, 30,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 427,438.25
Cash in Office and Bank, 1,209.07
Agents' Balances, 50,222.35
Interest and Rents, 4,016.11
Gross Assets, \$1,734,353.51
Deduct items not admitted, 31,120.92
Admitted Assets, \$1,703,232.59
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$83,037.00
Unearned Premiums, 160,123.80
All other Liabilities, 26,925.51
Cash Capital, 250,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 61,146.29
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,703,232.59

LLOYDS PLATE GLASS INS. CO.
of New York.
ASSETS, DEC. 31, 1903.
Real Estate, \$653,000.00
Stocks and Bonds, 400,000.00
Cash in Office and Bank, 31,100.30
Agents' Balances, 71,591.95
Gross Assets, \$1,155,691.25
Admitted Assets, \$769,099.17
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$83,037.00
Unearned Premiums, 160,123.80
All other Liabilities, 26,925.51
Cash Capital, 250,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 61,146.29
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$1,155,691.25

United States Branch
NATIONAL ASSURANCE CO.
of Dublin, Ireland.
ASSETS DEC. 31, 1903.
Stocks and Bonds, \$535,332.62
Cash in Office and Bank, 51,731.89
Agents' Balances, 51,016.98
Gross Assets, \$638,081.49
Deduct items not admitted, 31,572.54
Admitted Assets, \$606,508.95
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1903.
Net Unpaid Losses, \$83,037.00
Unearned Premiums, 160,123.80
All other Liabilities, 26,925.51
Cash Capital, 250,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities, 61,146.29
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$606,508.95
W. J. WHEELER & CO., Agents,
340F South Paris, Me.

Out of the Mouths of Babies.
"What did George Washington do for his country?" asked the teacher.
"He gave it an extra holiday," promptly answered the boy at the foot of the class.

Proper Treatment of Pneumonia.
Pneumonia is too dangerous a disease for anyone to attempt to doctor himself, although he may have the proper remedies at hand. A physician should always be called. It should be borne in mind, however, that pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of the grip, and that by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the threatened attack of pneumonia may be ward off. This remedy is also used by physicians in the treatment of pneumonia with the best results. Dr. W. J. Smith, of Sanders, Ala., who is also a druggist, says of it: "I have been selling Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and prescribing it in my practice for the past six years. I use it in cases of pneumonia and have always gotten the best results." Sold by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

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Beware of cheap imitations.

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AVELERS INSURANCE CO.
(Incorporated in 1863.)
Capital at Risk, \$1,000,000.
Cash Assets, Dec. 31, 1903, \$1,000,000.
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Total Liabilities, Dec. 31, 1903, \$1,000,000.
Total Surplus, Dec. 31, 1903, \$1,000,000.

STATES CASUALTY CO.
New York City.
Assets Dec. 31, 1903, \$1,000,000.
Total Liabilities, Dec. 31, 1903, \$1,000,000.
Total Surplus, Dec. 31, 1903, \$1,000,000.

ACCIDENT ASSURANCE CORPORATION, LTD.
Assets Dec. 31, 1903, \$1,000,000.
Total Liabilities, Dec. 31, 1903, \$1,000,000.
Total Surplus, Dec. 31, 1903, \$1,000,000.

PLATE GLASS INS. CO.
New York City.
Assets Dec. 31, 1903, \$1,000,000.
Total Liabilities, Dec. 31, 1903, \$1,000,000.
Total Surplus, Dec. 31, 1903, \$1,000,000.

UNITED STATES BRANCH
Assets Dec. 31, 1903, \$1,000,000.
Total Liabilities, Dec. 31, 1903, \$1,000,000.
Total Surplus, Dec. 31, 1903, \$1,000,000.

WAKEFUL CHILDREN.
For a long time the two year old child of Mr. P. L. McPherson, 59 N. Tenth St., Harrisburg, Pa., would sleep but two or three hours in the early part of the night, which made it very hard for her parents. Her mother concluded that the child had stomach trouble, and gave her half of one of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, which quieted her stomach and she slept the whole night through. Two boxes of these Tablets have effected a permanent cure and she is now well and strong.

NEWRY.
Arthur Chase has finished working for Mr. Taylor.
H. S. Hastings has finished getting in his ice. Percy Taylor, Will Russell and Delbert Pennock helped him.

THE MOUTHS OF BABES.
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THE KID YOU HAVE ALWAYS BOUGHT.
H. W. Dennison.

WEST BETHEL.

All the Latest News from Our Near Neighbors.

Town meeting next Monday.

The year has taken its leap.

Mrs. Vienna Holt has been entertaining her friend, Mrs. John Evans of Gorham, N. H., for two weeks.

J. H. Hiscock, of Farmington, who was visiting his daughter, Mrs. Swett, in this village, died very suddenly of heart disease Feb. 22.

J. B. Murphy recently sold a dressed hog to F. L. Ordway, of Gilead, which weighed 492 pounds.

Alton Smith has left the employ of H. P. Dennison, and is working in the mill of Merrill, Springer & Co.

L. H. Tyler and sons keep two teams on the road hauling birch bolts to the spool mill, and cord wood to the railway station.

March has been called "the month of snow drifts, and of bleak and boisterous weather" but we cannot think it will be worse than February.

The hotel in this village, owned by Stahl & Larv, which has been closed as a public house for many months, was reopened to the traveling public by Mr. Lary last week.

Only eight new subscribers to the News at \$1.25 per year will count a thousand votes and 16,000 is all that is required to give a young friend a free trip to the St. Louis Exposition.

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Philip Wheeler who has been in town about two months, has returned to his home in East Bethel.

With all our snows and blows and bad roads so far this winter our stage driver has not missed a trip.

Frank Douglass will finish hauling his timber to the mill at the Corner this week.

Mrs. N. S. Baker is quite ill with lung trouble. Dr. J. A. Twaddle is attending her, and Mrs. Austin Powers is working there.

Alice Powers is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Edgar Coolidge, at East Bethel.

EAST BETHEL.

Cleve Bartlett attended the prize speaking of Gould's Academy last Friday.

Hester Kimball is spending a few weeks with her sister in Saco.

Walter Bartlett is slowly recovering from a severe attack of lagrippe, followed by pneumonia.

C. H. Kimball and Earl Kimball of South Paris, visited here last week.

Mrs. Sarah Seavey of Scarborough is visiting her niece, Mrs. M. J. May Connell.

Porter Farwell loaded two cars with cordwood last week.

F. B. Howe went to Boston last week with a carload of potatoes, mostly of his own raising.

Best Remedy for Constipation.

"The finest remedy for constipation I ever used is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets," says Mr. Eli Butler, of Frankville, N. Y. "They act gently and without any unpleasant effect, and leave the bowels in a perfectly natural condition." Sold by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Lockport; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel.

ALBANY—VALLEY ROAD.

Mrs. F. H. Wardwell entertained the R. M. Ladies' club last Saturday; the next meeting will be with Mrs. Lela Skinner in two weeks.

Miss Estella Bean is visiting her sister Mrs. Harry Sawin at North Waterford.

There will be a social dance at the town house next Friday evening Mar. 4.

Mrs. Alma Judkins visited her aunt Mrs. Olive Wheeler last Thursday.

Mrs. G. E. Grover visited the Misses Estella and Ada Bean and Miss Bessie Sloan one day last week.

Will Rand was at home last Sunday.

J. E. Rand is at his sister's Mrs. C. H. McAllister.

Sybil Cummings spent last week at home.

Miss Ada Temperly of Newton, Mass., is spending her vacation with Mrs. Carter Grover and family. This is her first visit to Maine.

Bert Bird is gaining.

Mrs. Charlotte Cummings is improving.

Mrs. Mary Bird is visiting W. W. Bird's.

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SOUTH PARIS NEWS.

Local and Personal Items From Our Shire Town.

Mrs. F. A. Pingree is spending a few days in Portland.

Ethel Houghton of Paris Hill, Mass., was a guest at C. H. Thayer's over Sunday.

F. A. Heidner of Springfield, Mass., has been in town a few days.

J. P. Richardson has recently painted and whitened the interior of his store.

N. Dayton Bolster & Co. closed their store Tuesday, March 1, to take account of stock.

Harold H. Thayer, assistant chemist at Bates college was home over Sunday.

Rev. J. Fred Wilson of North Abington, Mass., preached at the Baptist church Sunday.

Rev. J. H. Little attended the Grand Lodge Ancient Order of United Workmen in Boston last week.

Winslow C. Thayer was home a few days last week from Rufford Falls, where he is freight clerk.

Mrs. C. L. Morton entertained her class in the Baptist Sunday school at her home last Wednesday evening.

Town Reports are out.

Mrs. Sara Clark gave two very pleasant tea parties last week, Tuesday evening to the older relatives and Thursday to the young people.

Mrs. George A. Wilson, Mrs. Walter L. Gray and the Misses Susie M. Wheeler and Mertie G. Walker attended the Wagner Parsifal concert in Portland the 18th.

The men served a supper at the Congregational church last Thursday evening. Bates College Quartet and John David as reader furnished the entertainment which was fine.

The Pythian Sisterhood at their meeting last Thursday evening, voted to extend an invitation to the assemblies of Norway and Oxford to be their guests the first meeting in April.

The graduating class of Paris High school have chosen the class parts according to rank—the salutatorian and orator had equal rank—as follows:

Salutatory, Ralph D. Berry
Orator, Wallace Clifford
History, Harold Anderson
Class Will, Harold Fletcher
Class Gifts, Charlotte Giles
Prophecy, Blanche Penley
Florence Tufts

The "Butterfly Carnival" for the benefit of the Universalist Good Cheer Society will be given in New Hall, March 2, 3 and 4. The sale will be held Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and evenings. Snapper will be served at G. A. R. hall, adjoining New Hall, Wednesday at 6.20. Good entertainments each evening, and Friday evening the drama, "Pompeii's Hired Man," will be given in New Hall, followed by a farce, "The Way of the World." Music by Young Peoples' Orchestra.

The Biscane C. E. society held a special business meeting, recently, and elected the following officers:

President—E. L. Porter.
Vice President—W. T. Knightly.
Treasurer—Mrs. G. A. Chapman.
Cor. Secretary—Mrs. G. A. Chapman.
Rec. Secretary—Marjorie Penley.
Lookout Com.—C. R. Penley.
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NEWS IN BRIEF.

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Col. Edwin C. Milliken of Portland was elected Commander of the Department of Maine, G. A. R., on the first ballot at the meeting of the State encampment in City hall Thursday forenoon. He received 177 votes of 337 cast.

The State Socialist convention was held in Bath last week, for the purpose of nominating a ticket for the State election. The socialists are the first of the parties to nominate their candidates. Wm. P. Rogers of Freeport was elected as candidate for governor of Maine.

Burney Emerson, of Stoughton, aged six years, was trying to lay fire on a hot stove when the flames communicated to his clothing, and though he rushed out of doors and rolled in the snow he was so badly burned that he could not get back into the house. When discovered two hours later both legs were frozen and he soon succumbed to his injuries.

Rev. Frank W. Sandford, leader of the Holy Ghost and U.S. society at Shiloh, Durham, appeared in the Supreme court at Auburn, Wednesday forenoon and renewed his bail of \$5000 in the five indictments for cruelty and one for manslaughter which were found against him at this term of court. Fred Harding, a business man of Lisbon Falls, and Mrs. Hanna A. Perry, wife of A. K. Perry, one of the leaders of the Shiloh movement, went bail for him. With the renewing of the bail, his attorneys formally filed exceptions to the ruling of the court in the trial of Mr. Sandford for cruelty to his son, of which he was found guilty. The case will come before the June term of the law court at Portland.

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This Japanese war reminds me," said an old-time Bath sea captain one day last week, "of the earlier times before Japan was so free with other nations as she is to-day. In those days when a foreign ship entered the Japanese ports the captain was obliged to place his Bible and rudder in charge of the chief officer of the port and leave it there until he was ready to sail. Of course he wouldn't sail without either, and the Japs could easily keep tabs on the movements of all ships in their harbors."

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Pres. and Mrs. Roosevelt celebrated Washington's birthday by planting each a fern leaf beech in the White House grounds, in Washington.

Abraham Lincoln's first love died in Kentucky last week at the age of ninety-six. They quarrelled and she married another man, but perhaps like the girl who jilted Washington she lived to regret it.

That last note of Senator Hanna's to the president, and the reply of the latter thereto, are the most touching things in the epistolary line seen in a long time. One cannot read them without thinking better of both men.

Camphor is rapidly advancing in price owing to the war in the Far East. About a week ago it was 77 cents a pound by the barrel. It is now 85 cents and is said to be extremely scant even at that figure.

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Although in the presence of a very small company, this wedding was one of the most daintily artistic affairs that Portland has ever seen. The bride and groom unattended came down the laurel entwined stairway to the strains of "O Promise Me," played by Mr. Ryser, and entered the spacious parlors which were decorated with palms, vines and exquisite flowers and lighted only by candles. The bride was beautifully gowned in white with point applique lace, wearing the conventional tulle veil and carrying lilies of the valley.

After the ceremony a dainty breakfast was served by Pooler, tulips and roses being the dining room decorations.

The usual shower of rice confetti and rose petals followed them, while the good wishes of a host of friends attend them—for Miss Goudy was one of Portland's most popular daughters and will be greatly missed.—Argus.

Mr. and Mrs. Megrew came directly to Bethel, where Mr. Megrew has made his home for the greater part of the past year and a half. Mrs. Megrew is also well-known and they both have many friends who offer congratulations. After a two weeks' stay in Bethel they will go abroad for an indefinite period.

Colds Cause Pneumonia.

One of the most remarkable cases of a cold deep-seated on the lungs, causing pneumonia, is that of Mrs. Gertrude E. Fenner, Marlon, Ind., who was entirely cured by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. She says: "The coughing and straining so weakened me that I ran down in weight from 148 to 92 pounds. I tried a number of remedies to no avail until I used One Minute Cough Cure. Four bottles of this wonderful remedy cured me entirely of the cough, strengthened my lungs and restored me to my normal weight, health and strength." Sold by G. R. Wiley.

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NORWAY.

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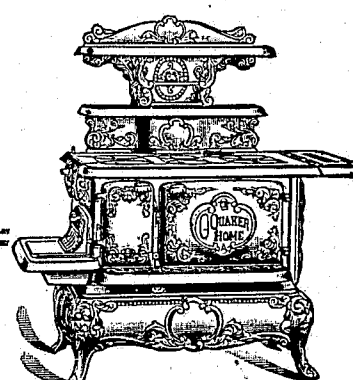
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